

chapter helps realize the mission of this international organization and makes a real difference to families and children in the region.

At the same time, two notable Kiwanis members, Mr. Lynn Aas and Mr. John Sinn, are celebrating their 100th birthdays this year. As part of the “greatest generation” and as World War II veterans, Lynn and John have both been an important part of the Minot community and set a great example for their fellow Kiwanis members.

A native of McLean County, ND, Lynn Aas fought as a rifleman in the historic Battle of the Bulge. He served with the 17th Airborne Division of the 193rd Airborne Infantry and received the Bronze Star, the Purple Heart, and the French Legion of Honor medal.

Following the war, he returned to his home State, where he earned his law degree from the University of North Dakota. In addition to his time as a Kiwanis member, Lynn served in our State’s legislature for four sessions, was the president of the Minot Chamber of Commerce, served on the board for the United Way, and has been a longtime supporter of Minot State University.

As a member of the 386th Infantry Regiment, John Sinn served in the European theatre, where he earned the Bronze Star. He then returned home to farm with family members in Ryder, ND, eventually coming to work for the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers in 1957.

John retired in 1989, more than 30 years ago. However, rather than taking a well-earned rest, he has been hard at work serving the Minot community. Among his efforts as a volunteer, he is best known for his work to improve and maintain the Scandinavian Heritage Park.

This is an iconic outdoor museum that is central to the community’s identity and home to the annual Norsk Hostfest, the largest celebration of Scandinavian culture and history in North America. The best view of the park can be found at John Sinn Outlook, a testament to his many contributions.

It is therefore appropriate to take this time to recognize the hard work, dedication, and service of Lynn Aas, John Sinn, and the entire Kiwanis Club of Minot as they all celebrate their 100th birthdays this year.

#### TRIBUTE TO TOM GRESHAM

• Mrs. HYDE-SMITH. Mr. President, on May 31, 2020, Mr. Tom Gresham of Indianola, MS, concluded his term as the 84th president of Delta Council. I am pleased to commend him for his service and contributions to the Delta region and the State of Mississippi.

Organized in 1935, Delta Council plays an important role in uniting the agricultural, business, and economic development leadership to solve problems and promote greater opportunities in the Mississippi Delta region,

which encompasses 19 counties in Northwest Mississippi.

Mr. Gresham’s tenure began on the heels of the devastating and historical Yazoo Backwater Flood of 2019, which destroyed thousands of acres, hundreds of homes, and took two lives. As a Delta native, business owner, and servant to his community, his leadership helped bring tremendous attention and change to a new plan proposed by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers to address this critical flood control issue.

He also met challenges unlike any other Delta Council president in the unprecedented times we faced during the onset of the global pandemic of COVID-19. In leading Delta Council throughout his presidency, he navigated the way for the council to continue its devoted work to the region, despite the difficulties the virus brought us. This included the first-ever virtual meeting of Delta Council.

I also applaud Mr. Gresham, as a longtime former chairman of Delta Council’s Development Department, along with Delta Strong leadership, on bringing hundreds of jobs to the Delta through the Delta Strong industrial recruitment initiative. As the president of Double Quick, Inc., for over 35 years, Tom Gresham knows what it takes to grow a successful business in the Delta.

Despite the time spent dedicated to his presidency and career, Mr. Gresham still finds time to serve in a multitude of capacities locally and regionally. He has served in leadership roles as co-chairman of the Indianola Promise Community, director of Northwest Mississippi Community Foundation, past chairman of Mississippi Economic Council past president of Mississippi Association of Convenience Stores, Indianola Educational Foundation, Indianola Rotary Club, Mid-Delta Arts Association, Society of Independent Gas Marketers of America, and more.

I am pleased to join the citizens throughout the State of Mississippi in commending Thomas G. Gresham and sharing our appreciation with his wife Louise Houseman Gresham and their three adult children and four grandchildren. His input over his year of service has undoubtedly contributed to the overall success of this highly respected 86-year-old organization, Delta Council.●

#### TRIBUTE TO PAUL HOLLIS

• Mrs. HYDE-SMITH. Mr. President, I am pleased to commend Mr. Paul Hollis of Rolling Fork, MS, for his service and contributions to the State of Mississippi while serving as the 85th president of Delta Council.

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Mr. Hollis has selflessly committed himself this year to the standing prior-

ities of Delta Council’s agenda, namely flood control, among other major issues the council addresses. As the owner and operator of Hollis Farms in Anguilla, MS, for over 30 years, he knows all too well the unjust history and devastation the incomplete Yazoo Backwater Pumps flood control project has brought to his community. There are few proponents of the Yazoo Backwater Pump Project who have volunteered the time, loyalty, attention, and leadership as fervently as Paul Hollis.

Mr. Hollis assumed the role of Delta Council president in a nontraditional fashion by way of the first-ever virtual meeting of Delta Council, due to the unprecedented challenges we faced during the COVID-19 global pandemic. Despite the hardships the virus brought upon our State and Delta Council, Mr. Hollis led this organization admirably through the rest of 2020 to restore the traditional Delta Council Day at the 86th annual meeting, at which I am honored to serve as the keynote speaker.

Outside of his time spent working on his farm and serving Delta Council, Mr. Hollis contributes his leadership skills to many valuable community organizations. He serves as commissioner for the Mississippi Levee Board and chairman of the Delta Council Flood Control Committee. He is president of his local Rotary Club, president of the Sharkey Country Club, serves on the board for Sharkey-Issaquena Academy, as well as Sharkey County School Board, chairman of the Board for Central Mississippi Walk to Emmaus, and a board member for the Lower Delta Partnership. He has also served as past chairman of Farm Service Agency for Sharkey County and is chairman of Trustees for Rolling Fork United Methodist Church.

It is my pleasure to join the citizens throughout the great State of Mississippi in offering congratulations to Mr. Paul C. Hollis and sharing our appreciation with his wife Laura Boykin Hollis, their four adult children, and six grandchildren. His input over his year of service has undoubtedly contributed to the overall success of this highly respected 86-year-old organization, Delta Council.●

#### TRIBUTE TO THE CONFEDERATED TRIBES OF SILETZ INDIANS

• Mr. MERKLEY. Mr. President, last September, the Echo Mountain Complex Fire swept through Lincoln County in my home State of Oregon. Nearly 300 homes were destroyed. At least 50 other buildings and structures were burned as well. In just a few days, the lives that residents spent decades building literally went up in smoke. These devastated families began looking around for help—for safety and security; for support getting back on their feet and rebuilding their lives. And they quickly found that help coming from the Confederated Tribes of Siletz Indians.